

report on all aspects of the operations of the Observer Group before the expiry of the current mandate period and in particular to report to the Council not later than 10 June 1990 concerning the completion of the demobilization process.

Adopted unanimously at the 2921st meeting.

Decisions

At its 2922nd meeting, on 23 May 1990, the Council proceeded with the discussion of the item entitled "Central America: efforts towards peace".

At the same meeting, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:⁹²

"The members of the Council recall that the Council, in conformity with its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, has supported the Central American peace process from the outset. This has resulted in its decision to set up the United Nations Observer Group for Central America, whose mandate it subsequently enlarged and reaffirmed on two occasions.

"The members of the Council also recall the decision taken by the Council in its resolution 654 (1990) of 4 May 1990 to extend the mandate of the Observer Group until 7 November 1990 on the understanding that its tasks of monitoring the cease-fire and separation of forces in Nicaragua and demobilizing members of the resistance would lapse with the completion of the demobilization process, not later than 10 June 1990.

"The members of the Council, taking note of the report of the Secretary-General⁹⁰ and fully supporting his efforts, express their concern at the slow pace of the demobilization process during its first two weeks. It is clear that the process must be accelerated if the deadline of 10 June set for its completion is to be met.

"In the light of the foregoing, the members of the Council call on the resistance to meet fully and urgently the commitments it made in agreeing to demobilize. They also support the Government of Nicaragua in its efforts to facilitate, by taking the necessary steps, timely demobilization and urge it to continue such efforts. They also call on all others with influence in this matter to take action to ensure that demobilization now proceeds in accordance with the agreements entered into by the Nicaraguan parties, and in particular to ensure that the 10 June deadline is respected.

"The members of the Council request the Secretary-General, through a senior representative, to continue to observe the situation on the ground first-hand and to report to the Council by 4 June.

"The members of the Council request the Secretary-General to convey the Council's position to the five Central American Presidents.

"The members of the Council also request the Secretary-General to convey the Council's concerns about the situation described above to the Secretary-General of

the Organization of American States, who shares responsibilities with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as regards the operations of the International Support and Verification Commission."

At its 2927th meeting, on 8 June 1990, the Council discussed the item entitled "Central America: efforts towards peace—reports of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (S/21341 and S/21349)".⁸⁸

Resolution 656 (1990)

of 8 June 1990

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 654 (1990) of 4 May 1990 and the statement made by the President of the Council on its behalf on 23 May⁹² concerning the United Nations Observer Group in Central America,

Expressing its concern that the process of demobilization has not yet been fully completed, although progress is now being made after the removal of obstacles that prevented the conclusion of the demobilization process on 10 June 1990, as stipulated in resolution 654 (1990),

Having studied the report submitted by the Secretary-General on 4 June 1990⁹³ as well as his statement of 8 June to the members of the Council,⁹⁴

1. *Decides* that the tasks of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America of monitoring the cease-fire and separation of forces in Nicaragua and demobilizing members of the Nicaraguan resistance shall be extended, on the understanding, as recommended by the Secretary-General,⁹⁵ that those tasks will lapse with the completion of the demobilization process, not later than 29 June 1990;

2. *Urges* all those directly involved in the demobilization process to take all necessary measures to maintain and, if possible, increase the rate of demobilization so as to complete it, at the latest, on the date specified in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of further developments and in particular to report to it not later than 29 June 1990 concerning the completion of the demobilization process.

Adopted unanimously at the 2927th meeting.

Decisions

In a letter dated 29 August 1990 addressed to the President of the Security Council,⁹⁶ the Secretary-General referred to the negotiations which were under way between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional under his auspices. He stated that he had informed the Council in his statement in

⁹² S/21331.

⁹³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990*, document S/21341.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/21349.

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 11.

⁹⁶ S/21717.